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Pamela Lowe Director (Attention: Dennis Clark) Idaho Transportation Department P.O. Box 7129 Boise, Idaho 83707-1129

Subject:

90-Day Species List Update

File #912.0000 2008-SL-0073

Dear Ms. Lowe:

The Snake River Fish and Wildlife Office of the Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) is providing you with an updated list of threatened, endangered, proposed, and candidate species that occur in Idaho. This updates species list 2007-SL-0685 and provides you with a new number, 2008-SL-0073. You should refer to the new number in subsequent correspondence and documentation. This letter and list are being provided to your agency via electronic mail.

Starting in the 2008 calendar year, the Service will be providing species list updates to Federal agencies on a semi-annual basis as per Service regulations [50 CFR §402.12(i)]. Species list updates will be provided to Federal agencies in June and December of each year. Your next species list update is scheduled to be provided by June 1, 2008. In the instance that the status of an individual species changes under the Act (e.g., listing, downlisting, or delisting decisions), or there are changes in the known range of a listed species during the 6-month period between species list issuance dates, an amended species list will be promptly provided to all applicable Federal agencies.

In a decision published in the July 9, 2007 Federal Register, the Service concluded that protections for the bald eagle (*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*) under the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (Act), as amended, were no longer warranted. Effective August 8, 2007, the bald eagle was no longer included on the list of threatened and endangered species in the lower 48 states pursuant to the Act, and has been removed from all Idaho species lists. The bald eagle continues to be Federally protected under the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act and the Migratory Bird Treaty Act. The Service has developed the National Bald Eagle Management Guidelines (Guidelines) to advise project proponents



when and under what circumstances the protective provisions of these Acts may apply to their activities to help avoid violations of the law. The Guidelines and additional information on protection for the bald eagle are available on the Service's web site at: http://www.fws.gov/migratorybirds/baldeagle.htm. The Service is also available to provide technical assistance regarding bald eagle conservation.

Information about Federal agency obligations under section 7 of the Act has been provided to you in the past. If you would like us to send you any of this information again or if you have questions, please contact Mark Robertson at (208)378-5287. If you have questions regarding species under the National Marine Fisheries Service (NOAA Fisheries) jurisdiction, please call Nikki Leonard at (208)378-5696.

Thank you for your continued interest in the conservation of threatened and endangered species.

Sincerely,

Jeffery L. Fors, Field Supervisor Snake River Fish and Wildlife Office

Enclosures (2)

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District 1																										
Benewah	✓				✓		√ 3						✓		✓								✓		✓	
Bonner	✓	✓	✓		✓		√ ³																✓			
Boundary	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓3	✓																✓			
Kootenai	√ ⁴				✓		√ 3						✓		✓								✓		✓	
Shoshone	√ ⁴				✓		√ 3						✓		✓								✓		✓	
District 2																										
Clearwater	✓				✓		✓			✓	✓3															
Idaho	✓				✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	√ 3	✓			✓											
Latah	✓				✓						√ 3		✓		✓											
Lewis	✓						✓			✓	√ 3				✓										✓	
Nez Perce	✓				\checkmark		\checkmark^3	✓	✓	✓	✓3				✓											

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District 3																										
Ada	✓						✓																		✓	
Adams	✓			✓	✓		√ ³		✓	✓	\checkmark^3													✓		
Boise	✓				✓		✓																		✓	
Canyon	✓																								✓	
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Gem	✓						✓																	✓	✓	
Idaho	✓				✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	√ ³	✓			✓											
Owyhee	✓						✓										✓			✓		✓			✓	
Payette	✓						✓																	✓	✓	
Valley	✓			✓	✓		✓		✓	✓	√ 3														✓	
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Camas	✓				✓		✓									✓									
Cassia	✓															✓	✓				✓				
Custer	✓				✓		✓	✓	✓		√ 3														✓
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Jerome	✓															✓	✓	✓							✓
Lincoln	✓															✓									✓
Minidoka	✓															✓	✓								✓
Oneida	✓																								✓
Twin Falls	✓															✓	✓	✓				✓			

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Bannock	✓															✓									✓
Bear Lake	✓				✓																				
Bingham	✓													✓		✓									✓
Butte	✓				✓		✓																		✓
Cassia	✓															✓	✓				✓				
Caribou	✓				✓																				✓
Franklin	✓				✓																				✓
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Bonneville	✓				✓									✓		✓									✓
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Fremont	✓				✓									✓		✓									✓
Jefferson	✓				✓									✓		✓									✓
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Threatened, Endangered & Candidate Species: Idaho



MAMMALS

Gray wolf (Canis lupus) experimental, nonessential South of I-90/ endangered North of I-90)

Selkirk Mountains woodland caribou (Rangifer tarandus caribou) - endangered

Grizzly bear (*Ursus arctos horribilis*) threatened - Yellowstone DPS removed from ESA protection

Northern Idaho ground squirrel (Spermophilus brunneus brunneus) - threatened

Canada lynx (Lynx canadensis) - threatened

FISH

Kootenai River white sturgeon (Acipenser transmontanus) - endangered

Bull trout (Salvelinus confluentus) - threatened (coterminous listing)

Under National Marine Fisheries Service jurisdiction:

Sockeye salmon (*Oncorhynchus nerka*) - endangered

Spring/Summer chinook salmon (Oncorhynchus tshawytscha) - threatened

Fall chinook salmon (Oncorhynchus tshawytscha) - threatened

Steelhead trout (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*) - threatened

RIRDS

Bald eagle (Haliaeetus leucocephalus) -Delisted - effective August 8, 2007

PLANTS

MacFarlane's four-o'clock (Mirabilis macfarlanei) - threatened

Water howellia (Howellia aquatilis) - threatened

Ute ladies'- tresses (Spiranthes diluvialis) - threatened

Spalding's catchfly (Silene spaldingii) - threatened

INVERTEBRATES

Utah valvata snail (*Valvata utahensis*) - endangered

Snake River physa snail (Haitia (*Physa*) natricina) endangered

Bliss Rapids snail (*Taylorconcha serpenticola*) threatened

Idaho springsnail (*Pyrgulopsis idahoensis*) endangered Delisted - effective September 5, 2007

Banbury Springs lanx (Lanx sp.) - endangered

Bruneau hot springsnail (*Pyrgulopsis bruneauensis*) - endangered

CANDIDATE SPECIES

Christ's paintbrush (Castilleja christii)

Columbia spotted frog -Great Basin population (Rana luteiventris)

Slender moonwort (Botrychium lineare)

Southern Idaho ground squirrel (Spermophilus brunneus endemicus)

Yellow-billed cuckoo (Coccyzus americanus)